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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2022 regarding petition 3679-21 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 22 February 2022 about the *Gold Coast City Plan 2016* (the City Plan) amendments for Labrador, Biggera Waters and Southport.

I understand the concerns of petitioners primarily relate to the impact of the increase in residential density proposed for this area on local character and the capacity of infrastructure and availability of public transport to cater for additional growth. Concerns about the public consultation process undertaken by the Gold Coast City Council (the council) were also raised. The petitioners request my refusal of the changes proposed by the council for this area.

I can confirm these changes form part of a larger amendment known as the Major Update 2&3 (Our City Our Plan) amendment package (proposed amendment) to the City Plan. The council submitted the proposed amendment for my approval to adopt on 16 December 2021. The proposed amendment is currently being reviewed to ensure:

- relevant state interests are appropriately integrated
- any significant changes have been publicly consulted.

Given the size and nature of the proposed amendment, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is still undertaking a review of the proposed amendment. Accordingly, I am unable to provide further information about my decision at this time.

The council is required to ensure public consultation of the proposed amendment meets the requirements of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules and the communications strategy endorsed by the former Planning Minister. However, these matters will also be reviewed as part of my final consideration of the proposed amendment.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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